

Anti-Poverty Programmes

3074. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review has been made in regard to the implementation of various anti-poverty programmes for the people living below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b). Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are two major anti-poverty programmes being implemented by the Central Government in various states including Andhra Pradesh. These Programmes respectively aim to provide self employment as well as wage employment to the people living below the poverty line. For proper implementation these programmes are reviewed/monitored regularly through Monthly and Quarterly progress reports as well as through periodic field inspections by officers from the Centre, State, District and blocks. Based on these review reports, necessary corrective measures are effected to improve the programmes.

Concurrent Evaluation of these programmes is also undertaken regularly to assess the impact of the programmes.

Indo-British Cooperation in Defence Items

3075. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a British delegation visited New Delhi in May last to identify areas of joint Indo-British production and export of defence items;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c). In order to expand the scope of cooperation between India and UK, a Defence Industry Mission comprising officials of UK Ministry of Defence and including representatives of British defence industry visited India in February 1993. The Mission visited our production units in the areas of aerospace and electronics with a view to identifying possibilities of joint production, buy-back and international marketing of products. Two joint agreements were concluded and ideas for many more evolved. These ideas are being pursued through further discussions between the companies concerned.

In May 1993 a British delegation led by Director General Marketing of Defence Export Services Organisation (DESO) visited New Delhi with the purpose of interaction with our officials on UK experiences of procurement, pricing, defence industry privatisation, etc. It was recognised that conditions in the two countries are different; yet some of the UK experiences could be of interest to us and could be studied further.

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Land Records

3076. SHRI SURENDRA PAL